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1. The gunboat HAI MEI (3189/0389), just sent from Tsingtao to be integrated into the South China Fleet, has the following characteristics: cargo boat of 780 tons, modified, of Soviet origin; speed, 12 knots; one 26 mm gun; two 22 mm guns; and two anti-aircraft guns. In addition to the gunboat, an anti-gunboat (sic) and three landing-craft of Soviet origin were delivered to the South China Fleet.

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2. The above vessels carried 168 young graduates of the Naval School at Tsingtao. They were taken in charge by the Admiralty of Canton and almost all of them were put into coastal defense. Three of the graduates who were from the Democratic Republic of Vietnam were sent to Yulin (109-34, 18-13).

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3. In December 1951 the shipyards of Kaoch'angmiao (121-30, 31-12) at Shanghai received an order from the East China Military Command for the construction of 60 landing craft. The necessary material arrived at the end of February and the work was started in the first two weeks of March. Six hundred Chinese workers and six engineers are employed in these shipyards. These vessels will be 120 feet long and 26 feet wide, and will have a speed of 10 miles per hour.

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